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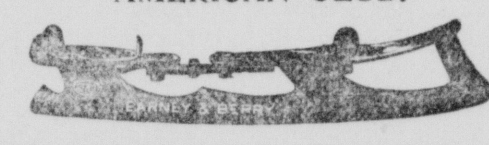
A bird in the hand is worth many another in some far off harbor.....

We have a "bird" in the shape of those elegant Banquet, Hanging and Reception Lamps, of which we have a few left that we wish to dispose of before Christmas. This is the third and probably last invoice of these lamps that we will receive this year. We are bound to please you in style and price. Come and see them before they are all gone.

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Christmas Novelties and Handkerchiefs until you have seen our line. We can please you, and our prices are right.

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—Ira W. Lewis is in Chicago.
—William Sadler, of Nachusa, is ill.
—White Dawson is a visitor from Aurora.
—Charles E. Ives is up from Amboy on business.
—James McCrystal of Walton is at the Keystone.
—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hess are now located in Elgin.
—Many students are going home for a Christmas visit.
—The Woman's Exchange advertises a sale on Thursday.
—W. L. Jordan, of Rockford, is at the Nachusa House.
—William Neff and George Shaver drove to Polo yesterday.
—Mrs. Ira W. Lewis is in Lee Center for a Christmas visit.
—Willis Reigle of Bradford is in buying Christmas presents.
—A. H. Adams and M. W. Gibson of Oregon are at Hotel Bishop.
—Don't fail to read the Fair Store bill folded in tonight's paper.
—J. F. Daly, of Hennepin avenue, is suffering from rheumatism.
—Charles Merrilies of Chicago spent last evening with friends here.
—Mrs. A. L. Heckman will go to Chicago tomorrow on business.
—Mike Doolan, highway commissioner of East Grove, is here today.
—Old Mrs. Leivan of South Dixon is not expected to live many hours.
—A. D. Garnsey, jr., is expected home from Chicago this evening.
—Al Crawford and Horace Dysart were here from Franklin Grove last evening.
—Randall Green is up from Amboy on business with States Attorney E. H. Brewster.
—Miss Bertha Myers expects to go to Chicago Thursday to be absent several days.
—Telephone No. 146 is being placed in Elias Bovey's cucumber house in North Dixon.
—Daniel Bresnahan has been ill for some time and we are pleased to see him out again.
—Charles Schlagle of the Rosbrook & Wasley livery stable is suffering from rheumatism.
—A lost house key can be found by the owner at Brown & Thomann's photograph gallery.
—N. Y. Stary, of The Bend, came home last evening from a visit with his brother in Chicago.
—The Ladies' Whist Club will meet tomorrow afternoon with Mrs. Charles E. Chandler.
—Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Burright will go to Oregon tomorrow to spend Christmas with his brother.
—H. J. Dudley, of Quincy, Ill., stopped over while enroute to Chicago, to visit with Peter Eastwood.
—Mrs. W. N. Treleven, of Chicago, is in our city to spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. O. H. Cessna.
—Miss Josie Howell departed this afternoon for Sioux Falls, So. Dakota, accompanied by her nephew.
—Miss Catherine Oettinger, of Sterling, enroute for Freeport, is spending the day with Mrs. Lou Rosbrook.
—The Casey Club will give one of their enjoyable dances at Rosbrook's hall Thursday night, Christmas Eve.
—Alderman James Clark is today entertaining several of the business managers of the Standard Oil Company.
—Mrs. W. H. Bennett is suffering from internal injuries caused by a fall at her home south of the C. & N. W. depot.
—Charles Myers and Amos Elliott living north of this city, have bagged forty rabbits in the cornfields near their home.
—Misses Gertrude Orvis, Edwina Smith, and Gertrude Blackman are home from Faribault, Minn., for a Christmas visit.
—The ladies of the Baptist church will serve meals during the session of the Farmers' Institute, which will be held sometime this winter.
—Great preparation is being made for the sociable at St. James' church on Wednesday evening, December 30. The ladies will then sell a "name quilt" and a fine supper will be served.
—If a certain barber of this city is followed up by the authorities as he should be, for cruel treatment of his wife, it will be a close shave for him to keep out of jail. If his wife is afraid to complain the shocked neighbors should not be.

Ladies of the Maccabees.

Eudocia S. Moffat, deputy supreme commander-at-large of the Ladies of the Maccabees, arrived in Dixon last evening for the purpose of organizing a hive of that order in the city and was met at the hotel by a delegation of ladies interested in her work.
A preliminary organization was effected and the medical examinations are being taken today by Dr. Marion White, the examining physician.
The organization will be completed tonight at 8 o'clock and tomorrow afternoon at 2 and evening at 7:30 at Kling's hall.
Mrs. Moffat has regalia of the order and the work, which is beautiful, will be fully exemplified at these reviews. All ladies wishing charter membership should present themselves at the above named time and place.
The Ladies of the Maccabees is the only secret fraternal beneficial organization composed exclusively of ladies and managed entirely by them, and offers life, total desability and old age benefits to all women socially acceptable and who can pass a satisfactory medical examination for \$500, \$1000 or \$2000 on the assessment plan and at ratings as low as those offered to men by various similar organizations.
The Supreme order now numbers 67000, and is gaining at a more rapid ratio than any such organization of men ever gained. Mrs. Moffat has during the past year organized 50 hives with 1400 membership in Washington, British Columbia, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, North and South Dakota, Nebraska and Iowa. Mrs. Moffat is particularly successful in reaching Club women in leading cities.
The L. O. T. M., while fraternally auxiliary to the Knights of the Maccabees, enjoying the name, financial plan and good will of that order, is yet perfectly independent of it in membership and management.
Rena M. West, sup. record keeper, is the only woman member of the Fraternal Congress, where, through her, the Workmen, Woodmen, Forresters, Royal Arcanum, Knights of the Maccabees and all of the other nationally reputable beneficial organizations of men recognize us on the same reputable basis as they recognize each other.
Our membership is not limited to the families of the Knights of the Maccabees. Any lady socially acceptable may join. It is expected the charter will be closed while Mr. Moffat is here, after which the fees will be increased.
Royal Neighbors.
At last night's meeting of Royal Neighbors in Kling's hall, officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:
Oracle, Mrs. James H. Thompson.
Vice Oracle, Mrs. Gibbs.
Recorder, Miss Stella Osborn.
Receiver, Mrs. William Pankhurst.
Chancellor, Mrs. Waldo Ward.
Marshal, Mrs. Corbin.
Assistant Marshal, Mrs. M. Brown.
Inner Sentinel, Mrs. Mary Kimmel.
Outer Sentinel, Mrs. Toot.
Managers, Dr. White, Mrs. Minerva Ayres, Mrs. A. S. Kilburn.
Looks Bright for Hitt.
Senator H. F. Aspinwall, of Stephenson county, who is in charge of Congressman Hitt's headquarters in Chicago, writes the Freeport Journal that in his opinion Congressman Hitt is a stronger candidate for United States senator today than he was at any time since the fight commenced. All the other candidates feel friendly toward Mr. Hitt, and Senator Aspinwall thinks that he is the man whom all factions can unite on.
An Attack on Turkey.
Some hungry thieves who came from the neighborhood of Sterling, at least they have been tracked there, a few nights ago stole fourteen turkeys from the Andy Kentner farm in Palmyra and five from A. J. Myers. At the Kentner place they took a bird that the owner had purchased for a large price at the late poultry show.
Christian Church Revival.
The audience at Union Hall last night was addressed by Rev. Shaw, of Walnut, secretary of the Christian church of this district. He complimented the young organization here in Dixon for the good work it had done and gave them great hope for their future efforts.
—Patrick Coffey, of East Fellows street, is not expected to live many days more. His son, who is in Colorado, has been sent for. The old gentleman was greatly affected by the recent death of his wife, and his brother-in-law, Edward O'Brien.

December Clearing Sale!
December 15th to 26th, at
Chas. H. Lapham & Co's.
Great Reduction in Prices....

Ladies' and Misses' Jackets 50c on the \$1.00
\$12.00 Garments for \$6.00; \$10.00 value at \$5.00; \$5.00 value at \$2.50.
20 Pieces Best All Wool Carpets, 65c value at 47c.
Lonsdale Muslin 6c.
Heavy 12 1/2c Canton Flannel at 6c.
Fast Color Turkey Red Table Cloth at 17c.
A large line of Manufacturers' Sample Hdkfs at Wholesale Prices.
Everything in every department Greatly Reduced in Price.
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Everything For The Holidays!

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We want your order for Oysters, Poultry, Strawberries and all Fruits; Radishes, Lettuce, Cucumbers, Wax Beans, California Tomatoes, Spinach, Celery and other vegetables.
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30 Days Dissolution Sale of our Dry Goods, Carpets and Notions!
This Sale commences December 15th, and continues until January 15th, 1897.
Mr. Brubaker wishing to retire from business, the entire stock must be sold. Everything goes at cost and lots of goods less than cost.
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may land you anywhere as to prices— for of course our price to you is governed by the Combination's price to us. Better get what you need now, before the monopoly forces the price beyond present expectations. We won't raise it one cent above fair profit and will continue to sell the best coal at the lowest market rates.

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RUINOUS BANKING

The Cause of the Trouble with the Illinois National.

OPINION OF COMPTROLLER ECKELS,

Who Says the Directors Were Warned More Than Once That They Were Treading on Dangerous Ground and Each Time Promised to Get Off—Creditors Will Probably Get Their Own—Action of the Clearing House Banks.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Financial circles in this city were not startled by the difficulty of the Illinois National bank, but the subject is the principal one discussed among the financiers, owing to the large interests involved. The clearing house banks held a meeting yesterday afternoon and upon the recommendation of the clearing house committee, which had made a thorough examination of the affairs of the National Bank of Illinois, the clearing house banks were advised to advance 75 per cent on all claims against the National Bank of Illinois which shall have been certified to by the receiver as being on deposit in that bank. The general sentiment of opinion was that the depositors would receive their money in full, and that the bank has now on hand cash to the amount of nearly 40 per cent. of its entire liability. No banks requested any assistance from the clearing house yesterday and the statements published on the call of the comptroller of the currency at the close of business on the 17th inst. show very strong reserves. There was very little excitement in banking circles in this city.

Temporary Receiver Appointed.
The following dispatch was received yesterday by the president of the clearing house committee from Washington: "I have appointed Bank Examiner McKee temporary receiver of the National Bank of Illinois and instructed him to publish notice for creditors to prove claims. He informs me that the clearing house committee agrees to advance 75 per cent. on evidence of claims. Notice will be published at once and if claims are proven immediately I shall within thirty days be able to pay a very considerable dividend. I appreciate the action of the clearing house in offering to advance on such certificates."

"JAMES H. ECKELS, Comptroller."
Falsification of Accounts Charged.
The Tribune says that in the case of this bank the "manipulation of the books was such as practically to amount to falsification of accounts." It is claimed that one loan of \$900,000 made to the Calumet Electric company was charged up to foreign exchange instead of being entered in the proper manner.

ECKELS MAKES A STATEMENT.
Failure "Due to Injurious, Reckless and Imprudent" Banking Methods.

A Washington dispatch also has the following from Comptroller Eckels about the failure: "The failure of the bank is due to injurious, reckless and imprudent methods followed by the officers and not checked by the directors, though their attention had been individually called to the same, and over their individual signature they had promised to remedy the weak points in the bank's condition. The largest source of failure is the bank's holdings of the Calumet Electric street railway stock, the full amount of which cannot now be stated, for it is discovered that a part of such holdings were not made to appear on the books, but concealed in another account. This and other large and doubtful loans had been called by special letter to the attention of the officers and directors and specific improvement promised a year since."

"In June last on the surface there had been made an improvement, but when Bank Examiner McKee, on Nov. 30, examined the bank he found that the books showed that the loan to the Calumet Electric company and other similar loans had been increased, and the promises of officers and directors had not been carried out. Upon this report I prepared a letter addressed to the president and directors, which I sent to the examiner on Dec. 14, to be read to them at a meeting called for this purpose."

"This letter reviewed at length the condition of the bank and the failure of the promises made to be fulfilled. It emphasized the position taken by the office that a decided and radical change had to be at once made, and notified the directors with a full and complete analysis on the part of the examiner of the matters in the bank demanding attention. On Saturday I received notice from the examiners that the rumors of the bank's condition had reached the clearing house committee, and they desired to have his report read to them. I ordered it to be done, but suggested that before doing so he see the officers of the National bank of Illinois and obtain their acquiescence."

"This was obtained, and the vice president of the bank was present with the clearing house committee. The condition revealed to the resolution to suspend from the clearing house. Before action was taken, however, the examiner telegraphed me and in reply I suggested that in view of the large interests involved, great care should be had, and even at the risk of taking some chances funds might be provided, if it was deemed safe to do so, to afford voluntary liquidation. 'The assets of the bank were examined and its management as shown by the examiner considered, and as a conclusion it was decided that the bank should be suspended from the clearing house and funds not furnished for voluntary liquidation.'

"In view of everything I am convinced that the clearing house committee acted judiciously. The management on the part of the officers and directors has been—to state it mildly—grossly negligent. The liabilities of the bank are large, but by careful and judicious management the loss entailed on creditors need not be large, if any. Every measure will be taken by the clearing house and the controller's office to prevent other banks or business failures."

As a result of the Illinois national bank's troubles three other financial concerns have gone down. They are all small affairs and are as follows: E. S. Dreyer & Co., Wasmansdorf &

Heinemann, and Fredric Weirsem, who owns the Roseland bank. A receiver was appointed for the latter, which will resume business in a few days.

More Opposition to Cameron.
St. Louis, Dec. 22.—At a called meeting of the St. Louis cotton exchange yesterday to take into consideration the action of the senate committee on foreign relations recognizing Cuban liberty it was the opinion of the members of the exchange that any such action was hasty, unwise and premature, and resolutions protesting against such action were adopted.

Allison Offered a Cabinet Post.
Chicago, Dec. 22.—The Tribune's Dubuque, Ia., special says: Senator Allison has been offered the leading position in McKinley's cabinet, that of secretary of state. It is said that the proffer was made by McKinley through one of the most prominent men in Iowa and Allison now has the matter under consideration.

Strike at Iron Mountain.
Iron Mountain, Mich., Dec. 22.—Yesterday morning 300 men employed in the Aragon mine at Norway went on strike. They had been receiving 10 per cent. less wages than are paid at any of the neighboring mines and their demands for an advance were refused.

More Business Men with Olney.
Greenville, Miss., Dec. 22.—The three banks and the cotton exchange here have united in a telegram to Senators George and Walthall at Washington asking them to do all in their power to prevent the passage of the Cameron Cuban resolution.

Miller Is with Secretary Olney.
Indianapolis, Dec. 22.—W. H. H. Miller, ex-attorney general of the United States, is out in a statement sustaining Secretary Olney in his position as to Cuban recognition and quoting supreme court decisions in support of that position.

Train Robbers Got Nothing.
Kansas City, Dec. 22.—Local officials of the Wells-Fargo Express company claim that nothing was secured by the train robbers who Sunday night held up the Southern Pacific passenger train near Comstock, Tex.

Major McKinley Goes Home Today.
Chicago, Dec. 22.—President-Elect McKinley leaves for his home in Canton today, where he will spend the Christmas holidays.

John Kunze, the Dutchman of Cronin case fame, is under arrest at Leavenworth, Kan., charged with swindling.
John H. Gallagher, one of the recently appointed policemen at Chicago, has resigned and will return to the study of law. He traveled a beat one night and changed his mind.

Rev. B. Taylor Sheldon is amusing Cleveland audiences by telling them he was for a time in heaven. He also takes up a collection.

Henry Waterson is registered at the Auditorium Annex, Chicago. He claims to be on a pleasure trip and to incidentally work on his "Life of Abraham Lincoln."

Emanuel and Thomas Wright are in jail at Alton, Ill., and the citizens are talking of lynching them. They are desperate thieves and shot Chief of Police Kuhn and Officer Budde while resisting arrest. The officers may die.

One hundred Chicago Poles and Bohemians who are in sympathy with Cuba dragged a dead dog labeled "General Weyler" through the streets and at Blanche street and Holt avenue burned an effigy of the general.

A dispatch from Constantinople says that a rising of the young Turks party is feared there.

The home of Salvation Army corps 33, at 1413 Duning street, Chicago, was entered by burglars and \$42, the saving of three weeks, taken.

Governor Morton, of New York, has refused to pardon or commute the sentence of John Y. McKane, the political boss who is now in the penitentiary for political crookedness.

Mrs. Chester Ashley, a Springfield, O., girl, who married her father's hostler, has been abandoned by her husband in California.

While intoxicated in New York city John L. Sullivan had removed the whiskers and mustache he had recently grown.

The Weather That Sometimes Comes.
Washington, Dec. 22.—Following are the weather indications for twenty-four hours: For Indiana and Illinois—Cloudy in the morning, but generally fair during the day; warmer; southwesterly winds. For Michigan—Generally cloudy, probably light local snows; light to fresh winds, shifting to southerly; warmer by this evening. For Wisconsin—Fair weather, preceded by light snows in the northeastern portion; warmer; southerly to westerly winds. For Iowa—Generally fair weather; southerly to westerly winds; warmer in eastern portion.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago Grain and Produce.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Following were the quotations on the Board of Trade today: Wheat—December, opened 76½c, closed 76½c; May, opened 76½c, closed 76½c; July, opened 76½c, closed 76½c. Corn—January, opened 23½c, closed 23½c; May, opened 23c, closed 23c; July, opened 23c, closed 23c. Oats—December, opened and closed nominal; January, opened and closed nominal; May, opened 19½c, closed 19½c. Barley—December, opened and closed nominal; January, opened and closed nominal; May, opened 57½c, closed 57½c. Lard—December, opened and closed nominal; January, opened 57½c, closed 57½c.

Produce: Butter—Extra creamery, 20½c per lb; extra dairy, 17c per lb; fresh packing stock, 8½c. Eggs—Fresh, 18c per doz. Poultry—Turkeys, 90c per lb; chickens (chests), 5½c; spring chickens, 6½c; roosters, 4½c; ducks, 8½c; geese, 7½c. Potatoes—Burbank, 20c; Red River, 15c; Hebron, 12c. Sweet Potatoes—Illinois, \$1.00; 1½c per bbl. Honey—White clover, 10½c per lb; extracted, 5½c. Apples—Common to fancy, 4c to 5½c per bbl.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Live Stock—Prices at the Union Stock yards today ranged as follows: Hogs—Estimated receipts for the day, 3800; sales range at \$19.00 to \$14.50 pigs, \$13.50 to \$14.50 light, \$10.00 to \$11.00 rough packing, \$12.00 to \$13.50 mixed, and \$11.50 to \$14.00 heavy packing and shipping lots. Cattle—Estimated receipts for the day, 10,000; quotations ranged at \$5.00 to \$6.00 Christmas steers, \$19.00 to \$14.00 choice to extra shipping steers, \$14.00 to \$15.00 good to choice do, \$13.50 to \$14.50 fair to good, \$12.00 to \$14.00 common to medium do, \$14.00 to \$15.00 butchers' steers, \$18.00 to \$20.00 cackers, \$13.50 to \$15.00 feeders, \$14.00 to \$15.00. Horses—20c to 25c. Sheep and Lambs—Estimated receipts for the day, 10,000; sales ranged at \$2.50 to \$3.50 western, \$2.00 to \$3.00 Texans, \$2.00 to \$3.00 natives and \$1.00 to \$3.00 lambs.

RESCUED IN TIME.

Twenty Miners Entombed by an Explosion of Gas.

BRAVE MEN GO TO THEIR RELIEF.

Fourteen of the Imprisoned Men Found on the Brink of Death and Borne to Air and Life—Five or Six Others Probably Gone to Their Long Rest—First Rescue Party Driven Back with a Close Call for Two of the Party.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 2.—A terrific explosion of gas occurred yesterday afternoon in Baltimore shaft No. 2, of the Delaware and Hudson Coal company. Over twenty miners were imprisoned, but at a late hour last night fourteen had been rescued alive, and there was still hopes of reaching the others before the deadly after-damp claimed them as victims. Immediately after the disaster became known rescue gangs descended the shaft, but it was some time before the ventilation had been so managed that they could work in safety. A party which entered the mine at 9:45 last night succeeded in pushing its way to the plane where the imprisoned men had been working; and there it stumbled over the bodies of a number of unconscious men. As quick as the work could be accomplished they were brought to the surface, where a corps of doctors was in waiting. Wrapped in blankets, some of the victims were sent to their homes and some to hospitals. The physicians have hopes that all may recover. Had they been in the mine five minutes longer all would probably have died of suffocation.

Had Abandoned Hope of Rescue.
John Healy, one of the rescuers who was first to discover the bodies on the plane, says the men were huddled closely together. They had apparently abandoned all hope of rescue and were resolved to die together. The supposition is that the men, when they realized their danger, made their way to the highest point on the plane. The smoke found its way to them, however, and they were all but suffocated when found. The theory of the explosion is that there was a fall of rock on the slope where the dynamite was stored, that the dynamite exploded and the smoke filled the plane. Grief was turned into joy when the rescued men were brought to the surface. Women and children wept and strong men clasped each other in their arms.

Names of Those Brought Out.
The men rescued are: Frank Howard, pump runner; Michael Conway, miner; James Lavery, driver boy; Daniel Munday, miner; Con Mooney, laborer; Ed Connon, miner; William O'Day, miner; John Moulter, laborer; John Scholowski, miner; Mike Baleh, laborer; John Davis, laborer; Mike Hollovitch, miner; Michael Garry, laborer; Patrick Barrett, laborer. It is probable that those men who are in the immediate vicinity of the spot where the explosion occurred were the only ones killed, and their number may not be more than four or five.

THREE MEN FOUND UNCONSCIOUS.

First of the Rescued—Thrilling Escapes of Those Who Came Out Alive.

The first party that attempted a rescue was driven back by the deadly after-damp, and two of the men had to be carried out. A half hour later the ventilation had been improved somewhat and another rescue party went down. They found three men lying unconscious in the gangway. All the men who escaped with their lives had thrilling experiences. As soon as the explosion occurred they made a rush for the main gangway. Some crawled on their hands and knees for nearly a mile. They did not dare walk, for the force of the after damp would have prostrated them. The strongest reached the foot of the shaft first, for it was a fight for life and each man was for himself.

The older men had a desperate time. Some of them were about to give up the struggle when they were pulled along by their comrades who could not see them drop in their tracks. Owen Murray and John Minsley were found by the rescuers, both were unconscious; they will scarcely recover. They were found near the foot of the plane where the explosion occurred. Andrew McDonald, one of the rescuers, nearly lost his life while attempting to recover the body of his brother James. He knew where it probably would be found, entered the place, and stumbled over a corpse in the darkness.

He says he recognized his brother's clothes by the touch. He attempted to pull the body out, but was overcome by after-damp and sank unconscious to the ground. It was with difficulty that he was brought to the surface. After reaching the open air and gaining consciousness he wanted to make a second trip into the mine, but was not allowed to go. The usual heart-rending scenes were witnessed at the mouth of the shaft when a big disaster occurs. The relatives of the entombed men gathered about and gave vent to their grief.

Superintendent Foote said last night that he was at a loss to account for the cause of the explosion. Every precaution had been taken to make the mine safe, he declared. It had always been the rule of the company to never allow their employees to enter a mine where there was the least jeopardy of life, and this rule has been enforced more strictly since the Pittston disaster of last June, when fifty-seven men were buried in the Twin shaft.

Verdict in John Fertig's Case.
Ellsworth, Wis., Dec. 22.—A verdict in favor of the plaintiff was rendered yesterday by the jury in the case of John W. Fertig vs. the state, defendant in error, after being out fourteen hours and a new trial will be held in January. Fertig has been serving a life sentence at Waupun on the charge of murder, having been convicted in 1891. This case has no parallel in the state of Wisconsin.

Shortages in the City Offices.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 22.—Investigations made by experts show shortages in several of the departments of the city administration. The city clerk is reported short some \$7,000, and the unaccounted moneys in the police court for a single year amount to \$1,952. The investigations will be pushed.

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DEVOTED TO CUBA

Pretty Much the Whole Session of the "Upper House."

CAMERON HAS A LONG REPORT

That Goes Over Until After the Holidays, Carrying the Whole Subject of Recognition Over Also—Vest Begins a Speech Against Olney's Views, but Is Shut Off by Hale—Several More Cuban Resolutions Introduced—House Proceedings.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The Cameron report on the Cuban question was presented in the senate yesterday, "before a crowded house." The report is long—columns long—and its pith is that recognition of the independence of the Cuban republic is in line with all the precedents on both sides of the Atlantic. But, the report said, among the precedents which have been so numerous cited there can be no doubt as to the choice. The most moderate is the best. Among these the attitude taken by President Monroe in 1822 is the only attitude which can properly be regarded as obligatory for a similar situation today. The course pursued by the United States in the recognition of Colombia is the only course which congress can consistently adopt. The report was ordered printed and to lie on the table and will not come up, perhaps, until after the holidays. Morgan and Mills presented an additional report on the matter giving additional facts, as they claimed.

Vest Tackles Secretary Olney.
 After these reports had been disposed of Vest took the floor to give Secretary Olney a "roasting" for his Cuban interview Saturday. It was the first time, Vest said, that a cabinet minister had thus addressed the public. When the Hawaiian question was under consideration the senator had examined the subject of recognition and had reached the conclusion that the president did not have the exclusive power of recognition. "It is to me a most astonishing proposition," said Vest, "that while the constitution gives to congress the exclusive war making power the president alone is able to take action toward recognizing independence which may bring on war." The senator cited the recognition of Venezuelan independence by congress, and not by the president.

Hale Calls a Halt on Eloquent.
 As Vest was about to proceed Hale interposed a point of order. He did not think this discussion could proceed under the senate rules without unanimous consent. "Since the resolution and report have gone over," said Hale, "I do not think it proper that the senator should precipitate a debate on this grave subject at this time." Stewart asked for unanimous consent that Vest proceed with his remarks. But Vest shook his head and remarked that he did not care to proceed with even one unwilling auditor. He would, however, call up his resolution again.

HILL HAS A RESOLUTION, TOO.

He Would Recognize the Belligerency of the Rebels—More of the Same.
 With this flurry over Hill secured recognition and offered a joint resolution declaring that a state of war exists in Cuba; that the parties thereto are entitled to the recognition of belligerent rights, and that the United States will maintain a strict neutrality towards them. Two more Cuban resolutions made their appearance, one from Bacon of Georgia, and another from Chilton of Texas. Bacon said his resolution was designed to get from the judiciary committee an authoritative statement as to the powers of the executive and the legislative concerning recognition. His resolution recites that the power of recognition resides exclusively with the legislative branch and that the prerogative does not belong to the executive except so far as his veto may affect. The resolution was referred.

The Chilton resolution recites that a state of war exists in Cuba which entitles the parties to recognition as belligerents and that the United States should maintain a strict neutrality. On motion of Sherman the Call resolution favorably reported by him, asking for a report on American citizens held in Spanish prisons was agreed to without division. This disposed of the Cuban question for the time being.

Mitchell of Oregon made an appeal to the senate for the early consideration of the Nicaragua canal bill. The conference report relative to extending the time for the inquiry into the question of alcohol used in the arts was agreed to. A resolution by Pettigrew was agreed to asking the secretary of the treasury for information concerning the Pacific railroad bonds he proposed selling under the recent advertisement. Bills were passed authorizing the acceptance of medals by Herbert H. D. Pierce from the Russian government; by Commander E. S. Houston, of the navy, from the emperor of Germany; by Joseph J. Kinyoun from Venezuela; by C. E. Marr and E. H. Pierce from Canada; by Lieutenant Colonel Forwood and Dr. George H. Penrose, from Argentina; by Admiral Selfridge and other naval officers from the Russian government.

House bill was passed for the loaning of government flags for decorative purposes during the coming inauguration ceremonies, and at 3 o'clock the senate went into executive session and at 3:22 p. m. adjourned.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE HOUSE.

Bartholdt Praises Foreign Born Citizens for Their November Votes.

The house practically completed the consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, but final action was left until today. Almost the whole day was devoted to a debate on the provisions of the bill relating to the control of the new congressional library. An amendment designed to place the employees of the library under the civil service law was defeated—27 to 73. The senate amendments to the immigration bill were non-concurred in and a conference agreed to.

Bartholdt sought to have the bill and amendments recommitted to his committee and in the course of his remarks referred to the fact that the foreign born population of the United States had turned the scales in several states for "sound money and protection." He

spoke of the "victory for sound money" won at the last election and attributed it largely to the "loyalty, sound sense and patriotism" of the adopted citizens, who, he said, had turned the scale in half a dozen states toward McKinley and protection.

The position of the foreign population at the late election, he said, had been a complete refutation of the charges so recklessly made before as to the dangers involved in unrestricted immigration. While those who believed with him were ready to accept the house bill at the last session, many of the German-Americans and other naturalized citizens now believed that in view of the fact that they had at the election "saved the party and the country" they should be granted immunity from any restrictive measure. Yet, he said, the senate purposed to increase the harshness of the bill. He then took up the senate amendments searim and entered his objections. He ridiculed the educational test provided for in the senate amendment. It was absurd, he said, to ask a German or Irish servant girl to read and write lines of the constitution.

The house then went into committee of the whole and spent the remainder of the day in the consideration of the legislative appropriation bill.

Affirmed by a Divided Court.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The decision of the circuit court for the northern district of Illinois in the case of the United States vs. the Chicago and Rock Island and Railroad company, which had been in favor of the railway company, was affirmed by the supreme court yesterday by a divided court. The case was an action on the part of the government to recover for the use of the bridge across the Mississippi at Rock Island.

Carlisle Is for Economy.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Secretary Carlisle's annual report was published yesterday. It gives a full statement of the condition of the national finances and argues that what the country needs is not more tariff duties but more economy in public expenditures.

President Appoints Postmasters.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The president has sent the following nominations to the senate: Postmasters—Robert M. Cameron, Belmont, Ia.; Orrin L. Mickel, Woodbine, Ia.

MORE OUTLAWRY IN KENTUCKY.

Negro Lynched by a Mob Which Uses Rope, Pistol and Knife.

Mayfield, Ky., Dec. 22.—After being taken to several jails for safe-keeping the mob has at last got Jim Stone, a negro charged with criminal assault on Mrs. J. M. R. Greene in this city Nov. 24. He was to have been tried yesterday and was brought here for trial. Although the mob had tried to get him before no adequate protection was given to the majesty of the law, and it was as usual, outraged. Long before the negro arrived it was known that he was coming and soon a mob of 500 men was ready for its work.

At 11:30 p. m. the mob marched to the county jail and after breaking in the doors of the prison entered and secured the negro. He was carried to a limb at 2 o'clock and several of the mob fired shots through his body. The jailer attempted to defend the negro, but the mob demanded him in such a manner he was forced to surrender him. The negro made a statement to the effect that another negro committed the crime, but the mob paid no attention to his words. Stone offered prayer while knives were being plunged into his body, but to no avail.

A part of the mob that hanged Jim Stone yesterday went on the rampage again last night. One hundred shots were fired into the residence of Tom Chambers, colored, and the house was afterward set on fire and burned, destroying three other buildings. There is much bitter feeling, the negroes having made threats to avenge the lynching of Stone and the killing of Henry Finney. A number of negroes have been warned to leave town and more trouble is expected.

CABBIES ON THE RAMPAGE.

Take the Horses Out of a Cab Occupied by a Lady.

New York, Dec. 22.—Union cabmen of the New York Cab company have been on a strike since Friday, but did nothing notable till yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Adrian Iselin was riding in one of the company's cabs. When it was opposite Putnam's book store on Twenty-third street a crowd of strikers collected, shouting and yelling. Mrs. Iselin put her head out of the carriage and called for assistance, but her voice was unheard amid the shouts of the strikers.

"Unhitch the horse," said a voice, while several others made uncompromising remarks about the non-union driver. The latter was powerless, so the strikers unhitched the horse and Mrs. Iselin walked to her home, a short distance away. The strikers then reharnessed the horse and drove the horse and cab back to the stables.

Live-Bird Matches at Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—The second and third of the series of live-bird matches between Dr. Carver and John Winston, of Washington, Ind., were shot yesterday. Carver winning both matches by scores of 47 to 41 and 48 to 41. The men are now even on games won, and the concluding matches will be shot today. Tomorrow afternoon C. M. Grim, of Clear Lake, Ia., winner of the World's Fair medal, will be matched against Carver for the "Cast Iron" medal and championship of the world.

Do Some Things Promptly in Wyoming.

Casper, Wyo., Dec. 22.—At Thermopolis, Fremont county, E. F. Hanson, deputy sheriff, owner of the town site and a wealthy man, gave a dance to which Thomas Bird, a wealthy cattleman and rival magnate, came uninvited. He was promptly shot twice and killed by Hanson, who is now in custody.

Julio Sangulley's Trial Begins.

Havana, Dec. 22.—The trial of the case of Julio Sangulley, sent down on an appeal from the supreme court at Madrid, on a charge of treason and conspiracy, began yesterday.

Defunct Coupons To Be Paid.

New York, Dec. 22.—The defunct July 1 coupon of the Peoria, Decatur and Evansville railroad (Evansville division) will be paid on and after Dec. 24.

FEDERATION RESOLUTIONS.

Several Adopted That May Have Far-Reaching Consequences.

Cincinnati, Dec. 22.—Among the resolutions adopted by the Federation of Labor yesterday were the following: For a national department of labor with another cabinet officer; that no official of the American Federation of Labor should be allowed to affiliate with any political party; that union men do not enlist in the state militia; against street cars carrying mails having marked on the cars the words, "United States Mail," for government control of telephone and telegraph services; for the government to establish its own works for making armor plates.

The time of the afternoon session was principally occupied in a discussion of the report of the special committee on immigration. Before that report, however, a multitude of communications suggesting the boycotting of the products of various manufacturers was referred to the executive council with power to act. A motion to give the executive council authority to use not to exceed \$1,000 to aid the International Label league in organizing was adopted. The report on immigration recommended that the Lodge bill now pending in congress be passed, and that this be the recommendation of the American Federation of Labor to congress and the president.

A bill was proposed on this subject providing that foreign consuls be emigration agents to pass upon the qualifications of emigrants before they set out for this country; that all immigrants received here should be required within a reasonable time to become naturalized citizens; that paupers and criminals be excluded; that an educational test be required; that penalties for violation of the alien contract law be increased. The bill is to be referred to the affiliated unions.

A night session of three hours was held, at which the charter of steam engineers, No. 6,653, of Chicago, was revoked, the union being declared to be composed of "scabs" by one speaker. At 10:15 the convention adjourned sine die.

GREAT MEETING AT NEW YORK.

Thousands Gather to Demand the Recognition of the Insurgents.

New York, Dec. 22.—The demonstration in favor of the Cuban insurgents under the auspices of the Society of American friends of Cuba last night was a remarkable one. Four thousand men marched from East Eighty-seventh street to Cooper Union, led by Franz Meyer, a survivor of the Virginian massacre. The parade was divided into ten columns. A large American flag was borne at the head of the procession which moved to the strains of a drum corps of fifty pieces, and four bands. When the marchers reached Cooper Union, the great hall was crowded and few of them were able to wedge their way in. The transparencies carried at the head of each column bore the society's emblem of American and Cuban flags crossed and a design that showed the American eagle holding the stars and stripes over a globe which was the outline of Cuba.

The larger panels bore portraits of Washington, Lincoln and the Cuban soldiers, Maceo and Gomez. Other pictures represented the Virginian massacre in 1873 with the question: "Has the American government forgotten this?"

Other transparencies depicted the killing of General Maceo, with the title "Spain's latest triumph of murdering under the flag of truce," and a General Weyler riding in triumph over Cuba with the Goddess of Liberty demanding "So far and no farther." Red hot speeches were made demanding the recognition of the Cuban rebels by Colonel Ethan Allen and others, and President Cleveland's name was loudly hissed. Thousands stood outside unable to get in.

Well Digger Has a Close Call.

Random Lake, Wis., Dec. 22.—August Schultz, a well-digger residing near here, had a narrow escape from death. He was stoning a well at Mr. Gelb's place, near Boltonville, Washington county, and had gone down to a depth of thirty-two feet. He started to move a piece of the curbing, when the earth on one side of the well gave way and forced the stone on all sides in. Schultz was buried beneath the earth and stones, but the timbers left an air hole, which no doubt saved his life. The men about the place at once started the work of rescue, and it was just fourteen hours later when Schultz was taken out, more dead than alive.

Steel Men Fail to Decide.

New York, Dec. 22.—Representatives of twenty of the largest steel and iron companies, in this country, met yesterday with a view, chiefly, of deciding whether the present pool shall continue in existence or be dissolved. When the meeting adjourned Secretary Griscom announced that nothing definite had been decided upon, owing to the absence of a report from one of the largest interests.

Bryan Calls at Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—William Jennings Bryan was in town yesterday on business connected with the publication of his book, "The First Battle," which is in the hands of a publishing firm here. Bryan was en route to Atlanta, where he delivers his first lecture next Thursday. He left for there last night. He was looking well and rugged, and as enthusiastic for silver as ever.

Object of That Mexican Raid.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The Gaulois publishes interviews with General and ex-Minister Du Barail, M. Imbert de Saint-Amand, and a foreign diplomat, who reproach Great Britain and Spain for abandoning France in the Mexican expedition in 1902, the object of which, they say, was to create in America a government to counterbalance the power of the United States.

Another Loan Association in Trouble.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Attorney General Moloney is preparing a bill in which he will show, he says, that the Dime Building and Loan association is in an insolvent condition. Attorney Ames has charge of the case, and has collected evidence which shows, he declares, that the association must have been insolvent as long ago as June, 1894.

Railway Deal May Be Closed.

Ashland, Wis., Dec. 22.—It is now almost certain that the pending negotiations of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad for the Northern Pacific track between this city and Duluth will be closed Jan. 1.

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E. R. & Bros.' Wholesale Price	\$6.50	Closing Price	\$4 95
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E. R. & Bros.' Wholesale Price	\$8.50	"	6 50
Retail Price	10.00		
E. R. & Bros.' Wholesale Price	\$10.00	"	7 50
Retail Price	14.50		
E. R. & Bros.' Wholesale Price	\$12.00	"	9 50
Retail Price	15.00		

Men's Heavy Ulsters.

E. R. & Bros.' Wholesale Price	\$6.50	Closing Price	\$4 95
Retail Price	8.00		
E. R. & Bros.' Wholesale Price	\$8.50	"	6 95
Retail Price	10.00		
E. R. & Bros. Wholesale Price	\$10.00	"	7 50
Retail Price	13.50		
E. R. & Bros.' Wholesale Price	\$12.00	"	9 50
Retail Price	15.50		
E. R. & Bros.' Wholesale Price	\$16.50	"	12 50
Retail Price	20.00		

Men's Suit Department.

E. R. & Bros.' Wholesale Price	\$5.00	Closing Price	\$3 98
Retail Price	6.50		
E. R. & Bros.' Wholesale Price	\$7.00	"	5 50
Retail Price	8.50		
E. R. & Bros.' Wholesale Price	\$10.00	"	8 50
Retail Price	13.50		
E. R. & Bros.' Wholesale Price	\$12.00	"	9 50
Retail Price	15.00		
E. R. & Bros.' Wholesale Price	\$16.50	"	12 50
Retail Price	20.00		

Boys' Suit Department.

E. R. & Bros.' Wholesale Price	\$3.50	Closing Price	\$2 98
Retail Price	4.50		
E. R. & Bros.' Wholesale Price	\$6.00	"	4 95
Retail Price	7.50		
E. R. & Bros.' Wholesale Price	\$8.50	"	7 50
Retail Price	10.00		

Children's Suit Department.

E. R. & Bros.' Wholesale Price	\$1.50	Closing price	\$1 25
Retail Price	2.00		
E. R. & Bros.' Wholesale Price	\$2.50	"	2 39
Retail Price	4.00		
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Fifth University Extension Lecture.

As the course of lectures by Prof. Sparks draws near its close it is with sincere regret that the class in Dixon contemplates the end of the most pleasant association formed this winter, and we predict that the management will certainly make an effort to secure the professor's services for another historical course next winter, for no man we ever had the pleasure of listening to has in so great a degree the happy faculty of investing with life and action what is, as usually treated, a dry and uninteresting theme. To hear Prof. Sparks on the crucial periods of American history is as interesting as, and far more instructive than, the reading of Scott's wonderful historical romances.

After a brief resume of the points in the previous lectures of the course, the speaker, Monday evening, treated of what he conceived to be the critical period of our nation's history, the adoption of the Constitution, that from a loosely joined confederation of adverse states formed a closely knit and undissoluble union—a nation. This was not the easy work it is often represented to be, and the speaker throughout his discourse showed clearly the reasons for the almost insurmountable obstacles which stood in the way.

Washington was flanked on one hand by Madison, the father of the constitution and on the other by Hamilton the builder of the constitution. Most of the men who had a hand in its construction were college bred men. Hamilton was styled the West Indian collegian. As a member of Washington's staff during the Revolution he had won his way to Washington's heart. After this war he married Gen. Schuyler's daughter. Then for a time he was an almost briefless lawyer in New York; afterward appointed a collector of taxes. In 1782 he became a member of the continental congress, where with Madison and Robert Morris he joined hands in an effort to find a more feasible ground for the adjustment of clashing interests which threatened to disrupt the confederated states. The impotence of congress disgusted these men and after one year they returned to their homes. Here Hamilton's ideas became changed in favor of a strong central government and he got the name of a royalist. The various remedies proposed were touched upon by the speaker. Some advocated the establishment of three republics, an Eastern, Middle and Southern republic; so the idea of secession had its birth thus early in our history. It was thought so many people could not live in harmony. Among the people at large there was a great lack of interest in national affairs.

Each state had its own commercial laws, its own impost duties, which produced immense trouble and mutual annoyance. And here the exigencies of commerce opened the way for the adjustment of the vexed question of state rights. The Confederacy was breaking down of its own weight. No internal improvements could be prosecuted without getting the consent of the states through which they were to pass.

Public sentiment was at last aroused, and in this Virginia led the way. When Washington was appealed to, his advice was that the congressional delegates go back to their several states and secure a call for a convention the following year, 1786, to adjust their commercial relations. Here was Hamilton's opportunity. While New York was filled with Tories—with two bitterly conflicting parties—her importance in this adjustment of affairs was foreseen. Her principal city was situated at the mouth of the Hudson; she would eventually become the shipping port of the nation; she possessed the key of the situation. Governor Clinton was against the scheme of a union, which he deemed wild and visionary, and against his wide influence Hamilton had to contend. But he got himself appointed as a delegate to the Annapolis convention. The states were meagerly represented and nothing of importance was done, but little New Jersey sounded the keynote of future action in her call for a convention to adjust the commercial affairs "and other matters" pertaining to the states. Hamilton seized upon this and urged with success the appointing of another convention to meet the following year at Philadelphia. Three delegates were appointed from New York, Hamilton and two others, but the others were pledged to oppose anything advocated by Hamilton, "the Britisher" as he was derisively styled.

In the meantime a rebellion had broken out in Massachusetts against federal authority, and this was an eye-opener, and the necessity for a closer bond of union was thrust into promi-

ence. But to the convention of 1787 only twelve states sent delegates. Little Delaware sent no delegate. She was opposed to giving power to the central union to levy import duties and issue paper money. Forty of the delegates were college bred men; twelve had been members of the old continental congress. The leading men from all the states represented were in the convention, from five to seven were sent from each state. In age they ranged from 81 (Franklin of Pennsylvania) to 25 (Nicholas Gillman of New-Hampshire.) Washington over-towered them all in stature and in reputation and was a candidate for president of the convention. His friends desired to make the venerable Benjamin Franklin president and urged his name, but Franklin, who was not present at the opening, through Robert Morris nominated and secured the election of Washington as the presiding officer of that important body.

The session was a secret one, and all summer the work of framing the constitution went on. The way in which the work was regarded by the populace and the different plans suggested were graphically explained by the lecturer. It was the last expiring hope of the republic to form out of the different strands a rope to bind together the states that the rope of sand had no power to hold. Hamilton was disgusted at the various factions pulling apart, and impetuously went home. Then his two companions got disgusted, as they thought the convention was tending toward a monarchy, and they went home. Hamilton then returned in time to sign the document. The stormy time of the convention was well depicted by the speaker, who stated that the genius of Washington and the wit of Franklin had much to do in holding that body together. While inside the hall was a storm of continuously conflicting elements, outside were circulated the most ridiculous rumors of the proceedings. A monarchy was being established, said some, with the second son of George III. for king. What was this they were trying to make anyway with the unheard of thing called a President, to be elected not by the people, but by a set of fellows the people were to vote for. And then a Vice President; what was that? Wasn't there vice enough now without personifying and enthroning it? And a capital city ten miles square—who ever heard of such extravagance? There would never be money enough in the country to pay the salaries.

In the meantime all sorts of means were worked to defeat the passage of the document. In counting a quorum, while they did not count present those who were intentionally absent, they seized hold of delegates and dragged them into the hall, sometimes tearing off their coats in the struggle.

Patrick Henry, with all the eloquence at his command, opposed the adoption of the constitution from first to last. The influence of Paul Revere, John Hancock and Samuel Adams at last swung the scale in its favor and nine states were secured. New York, by the arguments and energy of Hamilton at last decided the matter. It came by hard hand-to-hand fight through stern necessity. It was the fruit of bitter experience, and its contribution to political science was the formation of a successfully conducted dual government. It was not perfect, did not give entire satisfaction to any of its framers, but was the best that could be secured. Fourteen hundred amendments have first and last been proposed, only fifteen of which have been adopted, and like the measures in the original document, those over which the greatest contention was had, have proved the most satisfactory. The greatest success of the constitution perhaps lies in its elasticity—in leaving so much of its regulation to the emergencies of the times. Its greatest wonder to the world is the presentation of a dual government maintaining so perfect an equilibrium that independent states and central government can co-exist without clashing.

The professor closed his lecture proper by quoting the poem, "The Ship of State" from Longfellow's "Building of the Ship." But the after talk of half an hour was as enjoyable as any portion of the evening. In it he gave a more detailed analysis of Hamilton's apparently contradictory character.

Walker Whiteside presenting the legitimate drama will be the attraction at the Dixon Opera House, Wednesday, December 30th, when will be presented a scenic production, "The Merchant of Venice." Mr. Whiteside's engagement is for one night, and no doubt he will be greeted with a large audience. There is no one today upon the American stage to compare with this, the greatest actor of his age, in America. The press accord him unstinted praise everywhere, and what speaks louder than words is his great financial success so far this season. It will be the society event of the season.

—We understand that John E. Moyer is the happiest man in North Dixon today.

—Miss Lulu Brown went to Chicago today.

—Remember the musical recital at Steinmann's this evening.

—Mr. and Mas. Clinton Booth of Colorado are visiting at Dr. Wynn's.

—The Young Men's Catholic Temperance Society are making arrangements for a New Years Eve ball at Rosbrook's hall.

—Edward G. Miller and Miss Lillian Horner, of South Dixon, have purchased themselves a Christmas present. It is a marriage license.

—Advertisements changed this evening: John D. Parsons & Co.; Yates & Smith; A. H. Tillson; Dixon Music Co.; I. B. Countryman Co.; J. H. Todd & Son; D. A. Ford.

—Mr. W. N. Treleven, the optician, has a notice in another column of this evening's issue which will be of interest to a number who have made inquiry as to when he will be in Dixon.

—There is a social to be given this evening by the young men of the Good Templars. A good program has been arranged for the entertainment part after which an oyster supper will be served.

—Mrs. Shepard of Dement-town last evening received news of the death of her brother-in-law, Daniel Leny, at Cleburne, Texas, where he was located as superintendent of bridges on a railroad. He died suddenly while seated in a chair. Deceased was born in Dixon, his father having died here of the cholera in 1854. Here he married Miss Roxy Briggs, sister to Mrs. Shepard and the late Mrs. John Cheney.

—Some brute, sometime ago clipped the claws on the forefeet of Dave Gephart's little pug dog so close as to expose the nerves of the toes, causing much pain and a nervous derangement. Yesterday the poor animal came home with one eye gouged out, and had to be mercifully put out of its misery. No punishment is too severe for the wretch who will perpetrate barbarity on an inoffensive animal to spleen its owner.

Seven Times Honored.

Hon. L. W. Mitchell of Palmyra attended the annual meeting of the American Shetland Pony Association in Chicago, and though not a candidate for the office, and not now a breeder of the little animals, was unanimously chosen president of the association for the next year. This makes his seventh annual election to the office.

Golf.

A game with a history of more than 400 years must necessarily have some interesting records. Golf has been greatly liked by kings. In the time of James I it was generally practiced by all classes. The unfortunate Charles I was devoted to golf. While on a visit in Scotland in 1641 as he was deeply engaged in a game news was brought him of the breaking out of a rebellion in Ireland, and the royal golfer threw down his club and retired in great agitation to Holyrood House. When he was imprisoned at Newcastle, his keeper kindly permitted him to take recreation on the golfing links with his train. It is said that Mary, queen of Scots, was seen playing golf in the field beside Seaton a few days after the murder of her husband. In 1837 a magnificent gold medal was presented to St. Andrew's by William IV, to be played for annually. One of the earlier kings forbade the importation of golf balls from Holland because it took away "na small quantitie of gold and silver out of the kingdom of Scotland," and at one time "golfe and futeball and other unprofitable games" were forbidden in England because archery, so necessary in the defense of the nation, was being neglected in their favor.—Exchange.

No Cash.

"Why so glum?" asked his friend. "Aren't you doing a roaring business?" "Yes, I am," admitted the basso, "but it is all on notes."—Cincinnati Tribune.

Amusement Notes.

HOPKINS' THEATRE.

A great bill has been provided for Christmas week at Hopkins South Side theatre, and in the changes in the stock company, that organization promises to be the strongest that has appeared in the west since the old days of the McVicker stock company many years ago. The company that will present Dion Boucicault's famous Irish drama, "After Dark," will include Miss May Hosmer, Miss Lillian Mortimer, Mrs. Kate Jackson, Miss Viola Bancroft, Harry Glazzer, Harry Jackson, Sam Morris, Herbert Chesley, Eugene Sweetland and Edgar DeForrest. One of the principal features of the Christmas bill will be the introduction to Chicago of the most perfect machine for reproducing natural scenes, the Biograph, which provides a series of motion pictures on a larger scale and with more perfect detail of color and motion than any of the inventions that have preceded it. The Fukino troupe of Japanese acrobats will provide a wonderful performance of juggling, feats of equilibrium and sensational acrobatic tricks.

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It will pay you to see them at the

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Get a cup of Perfection Blend Java and Mocha Coffee free.....

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For Fathers, Mothers, Brothers, somebody else's Brother, Sisters, somebody else's Sister, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Babies, Friends and Neighbors.

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An elegant assortment of Handkerchiefs, Mufflers, Furs, Plush and Celluloid Cases, Ties, Tie Cases, Handkerchief Cases, Cigar Cases, Napkins, Dress Goods, Dolls, Albums, Head Rests, Mackintoshes, Perfumery, Baskets, Cloaks, Fans, Umbrellas, Table Spreads, and everything to make one's heart glad.

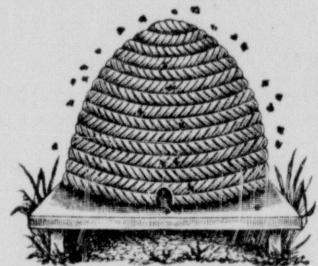
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When doing your Christmas Shopping. No old goods; everything new. Come in and look us over. We will save you money.

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THEY RING FOR ALL.....

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A CHEERFUL CALL TO CHRISTMAS BARGAINS!
Never so Cheap! Never so Good!

Our beautiful display of Holiday Gifts is opened and ready. The newest ideas; the best selections; the most appropriate and desirable presents at fairest figures. Remember this splendid assortment contains the right thing for every person—old, middle-aged or young. We will please you; we will satisfy you; we will meet your wants, be they large or small, with the Most Suitable Presents at the Fairest Prices. Come and see the latest and best in

Shoes and Fancy Slippers, Plush and Celluloid Albums.

Dolls, Toys, Toilet, Manicure and Shaving Sets, Necktie and Glove Boxes, Crockery, C. & C. China, Glassware and Lamps.

Innumerable, Attractive and Appropriate Gifts, which we lack space to mention. Don't fail to see our Holiday Display. A thoroughly first-class stock, combining quality and elegance with prices within the reach of all. Visitors are cordially invited. Come in and see how satisfactory Christmas shopping can be made, how well we can fill your wants, and how far we can make your money go.

"For Christmas and all the year round."

What To Buy!

There's a golden rule in Christmas buying—"Give to others what you like yourself." Don't force upon them things of foolish beauty, apologies in useless art. Give things of lasting quality with all the beauty one can find.

There's nothing that a wife, mother or sister will appreciate more than a pair of our elegant new shoes, built on the newest lasts, with thick or thin soles, or a pair of those stylish and comfortable leggins or overgaiters.

FORD'S SHOE STORE

Special Sale For Two Weeks!

Choice line of books 29c; some slightly soiled. Illustrated Books in Ivorine Bindings, below cost.

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Everything you want in the TOY LINE at the lowest prices. Special price on Bibles, and late publications by popular authors.

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and therefore should be dressed as boys, with garments that wear well at the same time look well. With us you will find the best goods and best styles for boys' attire. Our boys' suits and overcoats are worthy of your inspection.

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is what we give you against high prices.

8 pounds Ginger Snaps.....25c
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Crushed Java Coffee, per pound.....15c
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Turkeys,
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W. C. Godfrey's,
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for Marangues,
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"Lady-fingers,
"Fruit Cake,
"Ice Cream,
"Fruits,
"Nuts,
"Oysters, &c., &c.

AT.....

C. E. GROVE,
The Baker.
55 First St.

SHOW WINDOWS.

They are Gaily Decorated for the Christmas Holidays.

Dixon merchants are beginning to understand the art of advertising, as the columns of THE TELEGRAPH for some time past can testify. Not the least attractive way of attracting the attention of purchasers is an artistic window display, especially where the fine plate glass front and the character of the goods dealt in combine to make this a matter of comparatively easy accomplishment.

Most of our merchants, with extra forces of clerks have been kept pretty busy for some time past, and the trade from now on will continue to grow more brisk, till it culminates on "the night before Christmas," when Old Santa makes up his final parcels and speeds on his annual errand of love. Owing to the hard times people cannot perhaps afford to be very lavish in their expenditures; and yet, if it is necessary to practice economy, it were better to begin elsewhere than in those things that do so much to open the heart and sweeten the life. If the times are hard, prices are correspondingly low, so that as much can be bought for a very little money this year as would have cost a great deal a few years ago; for instance elegant plush photo albums such as have been sold for five dollars, can now be purchased for about a fifth of that price. Dolls, too, by the thousand, of all sorts and sizes, enough to make the female heart of the rising generation glad for a whole year, can be purchased almost for a song.

Our merchants have been considerate in their purchases and as well as considering prices have in many instances, in bidding for the market, combined utility with beauty. A walk up and down the business streets, of an evening, with a glance at the windows on either hand, many of them brilliantly beautiful under the electric lights, is worth ones while.

Passing up Galena avenue, from the corner of First street, we first come to the windows of Brubaker & Carpenter, one of the oldest establishments in the city. In one is a pretty display of ladies' handkerchiefs and attractive china; the other is devoted to dolls and a general assortment of toys.

Bunnell & Barly have filled their windows with lamps and celluloid goods of various kinds.

One window of the Bee Hive is a perfect Sana Claus bower, filled with everything to fasten the eyes and make envious the hearts of the little people. The other window has a fine display of china and and celluloid goods.

The joint store window of T. J. Miller and G. O. Wendell, is well filled on the one side with attractive musical goods, and on the other with jewelry that sparkle, articles in which the gold and silver-smith's art is elegantly evident, and with lovely hand-painted chinaware.

Joseph Stern has one window filled with fine lace goods, the other presents a very unique handkerchief display, worked into an archway in which the words "A Merry Xmas" is seen.

Chas. Eastman (formerly T. J. Hyde) has one window filled with toys and fancy calendars, the other presents a pyramid of fancy china and a background of art works.

The Fair Store has a very pretty display; on one side dolls enough to make many a young heart throb and some lovely handkerchiefs; on the other side elegant furs and feather goods.

Roland Brothers (formerly W. D. Duffin) druggists, corner Galena and Second street, have a fine display of fancy perfumery in cut glass bottles and a side window of lamps and celluloid goods.

Sennell, the candy man, favorite of all those who are troubled with a "sweet tooth," of course has a fine display of fancy confectionery.

I. B. Countryman Co. and W. F. Weaver & Co., are preparing elaborate displays in the way of window dressing, but as their windows are closed from view, we shall have to make after mention of them.

Lew E. Edwards has in one window and attractive display of toys, in the other a fine collection of books in handsome bindings.

Edmund Neville (successor to Bowman & Co.) hardware dealer, has one window filled with skates, that will bring joy to the hearts and vigorous health to the bodies of many a boy and girl. The other window is filled with carving cutlery, suggestive of Christmas festivities.

Raymond Bros., Haley & Drew, J. B. Fargo and D. A. Ford, exhibit a fine display of foot wear for ladies and gentlemen.

A. H. Tillson, who has always made a specialty of choice gifts for the Christmas holidays, has one window devoted to handsome china ware, the other to elegant plush goods.

Alexander & Howell's windows do not admit of much display, but their show cases are full of fine cutlery for table and pocket use.

Camp & Son, whose windows are also contracted, manage to show a limited sample of the fine upholstery and rich rattan goods with which their store is full.

The windows of Ripley & Long are filled with fruit and canned goods.

The new Dixon Crockery & Tinware Store in the Baker building is headquarters for the class of goods indicated by their name, and their large window is banked from bottom to top with a rich display.

"The Enterprise" store in the F. F. Dixon building, where almost everything of a Christmas complexion is to be found, has one window filled with textile fabrics, the other with Christmas toys.

In the north window of Morris & Son's grocery, amid a forest of greenery roam a flock of miniature reindeer, a herd of pigs, cats, etc., a sort of Noah's Ark let loose among the confections. The south window is devoted to a splendid display of handsome sparkling cut glass ware.

Chas. H. Laphan & Co. have backed their window with a sort of gigantic chessboard of ladies' lace handkerchief flirtations for the entire city.

John D. Parsons & Co. has in one window a huge red cross covered with fancy ties, white shirts collars and cuffs, artistically arranged to make an effective display. The other window is devoted to a display of handsome boots and shoes.

Parker's drug store has one window principally filled with perfumery; the other with cut flowers and potted plants from Davis & Baird's greenhouses. In the centre of this window space is a handsome bed of foliage plants.

The National Clothing Co. have placed in one window a huge column of fancy shirts against a background of handsome silk ties. The other window is filled with gentlemen's dress and business suits and children's clothing.

Kewin, the jeweler, exhibits in his windows, fancy silver bric-a-brac, mirrors and celluloid goods.

D. S. Horton has a window full of richly bottled perfumery and one filled with photograph goods and artist cameras, of which he makes a specialty.

Joe Petersberger has windows well filled with fine clothing well displayed, and a general assortment of gents' furnishings.

The Famous, on a background of alternative red and white, has a whole menagerie and collection of toys that will make many a youngster's eyes bulge out.

The groceries of Godfrey & Co., Denney & Co., C. E. Grove, E. J. Ryan, Beier Bros. and Frank Courtright are mostly filled with fruit, nuts and confectionary.

Thompson Bros. have one window filled with ladies' furs against a background of table linen; the other with handkerchiefs and fancy articles.

S. S. Dodge has on one side hand-painted china, on the other silverware, watches and jewelry.

Rob. Howell has an inconspicuous window display, but in his store will be found many things in the hardware line suitable for Christmas presents.

C. Gonnerman's fine show windows are filled with handsome rosewood furniture and elegantly framed art works, and his store is crowded with household articles.

C. H. Keyes & Son, whose new store is one of the best in the city for exhibition purposes, have not yet made a special Christmas window display, as the whole interior can be seen from the street. The window seats, however, are filled with leather and horsehair upholstered furniture, rich mahogany stands and divans and a lovely curly maple bedroom set.

The Dollar Saver shows a rich display of dolls and textile fabrics in silk and linen, with articles of bric-a-brac.

S. Rosenthal & Son, upon a background of crimped green on one side of the entrance have fine business suits, and on the other side against a similar background of red, a miscellaneous display of shirts, caps, ties and handkerchiefs.

The Plymouth has one window filled with very rich and showy silk neckwear, and in the other, gentlemen's suits against a light blue groundwork.

Yates & Smith, like some others, have windows that do not admit of much display, but their stock of shoes and men's furnishing goods are not to be judged by their comparative small window-showing.

The Dixon Music Company have a window full of sheet music and a room full of choice musical instruments, out of which Christmas music can be extracted to one's heart's content.

We have said nothing about the millinery stores; but the ladies will not fail to find them, and their windows all are resplendent with the latest seasonable styles of ladies' headwear, with the usual accompaniment of ribbons, flowers, feathers, etc., effectively arranged for display as only a woman's hand can arrange them.

Holiday Excursion Rates.

The Illinois Central railroad will sell excursion tickets on December 24, 25 and 31, 1896 and January 1st, 1897, within a distance of 200 miles at a fare and a third for the round trip. Tickets good to return until and including Jan. 4th, 1897.

Amusement, Business and Local Items

W. N. Treleven, the optician will spend Christmas with friends in Dixon, and may be seen by any d string their eyes examined, at the Methodist Parsonage next Saturday, 9 a. m. to 8 p. m. 38t3

Leave your orders for Christmas Meringues, Mocaroons, Lady fingers, etc. BIER BROS., Bakery. 37t4

The finest Black Dress Goods for Christmas Presents at The Dollar Saver. 38t2

Camp & Son are selling furniture at prices that please, and are supplying car loads of Christmas presents. 37t4

Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 23 and 24, the two Banner Days for Bargains at The Dollar Saver. 38t2

For a nice pipe call on C. F. Furley, he has the nicest line in the city. 33tf

Everything in the Christmas line must be sold Wednesday at The Dollar Saver. 38t2

If you want a nice box of cigars for yourself or a friend during the holidays drop in to C. F. FURLEY'S. 33tf

Nothing nicer for a Christmas Present than a beautiful Imported Dress Pattern in Black or Colors. You can buy them at The Dollar Saver at less than Importation prices. 38t2

Pure Buckwheat Flour cheap at Baldwin's. 38tf

All Dolls and fancy Christmas goods will be sold Wednesday and Thursday at prices that will clean them all out. 38t2

A. I. Gage is now running hacks to all trains, or any part of the city. Day calls leave at Parker's Drug Store, telephone 45; night calls at Hotel Bishop, Telephone 135. 26tf

Greatest of all bargains Wednesday and Thursday in Fine Dress Goods, Silks, Satins, Velvets, Handkerchiefs, Mufflers, Muffs, Boas, Gloves, Hosiery, Dolls, Shopping Bags, Pin Trays, Head Puts, Ties, Tam O Shaners, and all fancy goods. These bargains only at The Dollar Saver. 38t2

Hacks to trains or to any part of the city. Leave orders at L. E. Edwards store, Galena avenue; evenings or Sundays at the Nachusa House; or telephone to stable on third street at any time. Telephone No. 133. 14tf

Soft coal that burns as clear as wood is nice, and Pitcher is the only one in Dixon who sells it. It is the Assumption. 38t3*

The Woman's Exchange will be open Thursday 24, with a large variety of nice Cakes, Quince Pies, Bread and Cookies, for Christmas. The Exchange will not be open Saturday. 38t2

CHRISTMAS MEATS.

Choicest Meats from Armour & Co's. Fine choice Christmas Beef's, Sheep, Hogs, and Poultry, at Donovan's. 38t3*

IF YOU ARE IN DOUBT

As to the nature of your troubles; or if you are not improving, but growing worse under present treatment, it would be wise not to delay longer, but consult Dr. Prettyman, the noted specialist, who has given his best years to the study of chronic and difficult cases. There is nothing new in medicine or surgery but what Dr. Prettyman commands in the treatment of his patients. He is fully abreast of the time and spares no pains or expense to conquer disease.

THE HUB CIGAR.

A fresh 10-cent cigar for 5 cents at J. R. Pollock's, 103 Galena Ave. 94tf

Personally Conducted Tour Through Mexico.

The North-Western Line has arranged for a personally conducted tour through Mexico, under the auspices of Mr. J. J. Grafton, the well known excursion manager. The party will unite at Chicago and leave there Tuesday morning February 2, 1897, in a special vestibuled train of palace sleeping cars, observation cars and dining cars, which will be their home for the entire trip. During the tour, which will consume thirty days, all of the cities and almost every place of interest in this wonderful country will be visited. To accommodate those who desire to remain longer than thirty days, arrangements will be made for the extension of the time limit of tickets. Illustrated pamphlets and full information as to rates, etc., will be furnished on application to agents Chicago & North-Western Ry. Dec31s

HOLIDAY EXCURSION RATES.

On December 24, 25, 31, 1896, and January 1, 1897, The Chicago & North-Western Ry will sell excursion tickets at low rates to all points on the North-Western Line and Union Pacific System, within 200 miles of selling station, good for return passage until January 4, 1897, inclusive. For tickets and full information apply to agents, Chicago & North-Western Ry.



Our Ax Has Cut....

the prices of everything in perfumes, including Finest Cut Glass and Bulk Goods.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

D. S. HORTON.

Prescription Druggist, Dixon, Ill.

Be sure and look at our "ad" on page 2, and come and look at our Delft Cups and Saucers at 10c and 15c. They are Beauties and Bargains.

Dixon Crockery and Tinware Co.

BAKER'S NEW BUILDING, GALENA AVE.



FIT YOUR FEET....

with a pair of our shoes. We have such a large and varied stock of up-to-date shoes that we can give your size without any trouble in any style you may select. Our shoes are well made, look well, wear well and are priced reasonably. There's more comfort to be found by wearing a pair of our shoes than you could dream of.

Yours to Please,

YATES & SMITH,

NO. 6, EAST FIRST STREET.

NOW IS THE TIME

To protect your Stock Tanks. The Best TANK HEATER can be found at

Chas. G. Smith's,

NO. 6, River St., Dixon, Ill.

THE PLYMOUTH CLOTHING HOUSE,

No. 12 First St., Dixon, Ill.

The Great Purchase Sale of E. Rothschild & Bro's entire whole stock of High Grade Clothing, enters upon the third week. Such selling of Suits and Overcoats, has never been experienced and possibly never again will you be able to buy FIRST-CLASS CLOTHING at Less than Manufacturers' Cost. You may read the inducements others offer, but they cannot sell you goods as cheap as we. The facilities for handling Big Stocks of Merchandise are at our command, and in no instance has ever the Dixon public been treated to such a bargain feast as we have been spreading since this sale began.

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A THRILLING ADVENTURE IN THE BIG HORN MOUNTAINS.

A Hunter Held Over a Bottomless Canyon by His Horse's Bridle Rein—The Mystery of Two Rifle Shots Explained—How Lee Cleared the Path.

During the fall of 1877, just after the expedition which had resulted in the running down and capturing of Chief Joseph and his band of warriors, my troop was detached to make a scout from Camp Brown down through the Rattlesnake range to the Platte river and from there to the Yellowstone by way of the Goose Creek trail.

When we camped on Clear creek, a comrade named Lee and I started off for a day's hunting among the high peaks of the Big Horn mountains, expecting to get a few sheep. Lee was a man of extraordinary strength and was noted in the regiment for his feats of muscular ability.

We ascended the mountain by a deer trail, Lee riding in advance. The trail led up a "hogback" until it ran out against the side of the mountain, when we had to pick our way over the side hill until we struck another trail winding in a zigzag manner toward the summit. We dismounted and led our horses, for the trail ran dangerously close to the edge of a cliff that formed one side of an immense canyon, whose depth we could only guess. Narrower and narrower grew the trail as we advanced until it seemed to terminate at a point only a short distance in front of us. We moved forward cautiously, for on one side the mountain appeared to rise from under our very feet into a wall of solid rock. On the other side we looked into the depths of the great canyon, which would prove an eternal grave to either of us should he lose his footing and topple into it.

The apparent termination of the trail was due to a curve at that point, to round which required steady nerves. We passed it safely, but had not gone 20 yards when both horses bent their ears forward, snorted and showed evidences of the greatest terror. Before I could ascertain the cause of it, being in rear of Lee's horse and unable to see beyond it, a shot was fired that awoke ten thousand echoes.

What followed the sound of the shot happened so quickly that I did not realize danger until I found myself hanging between life and death. My horse, unable to see what was in the path ahead of us, but whose instinct warned him of the presence of some dreaded wild beast, had stopped in terror, and, when the shot was fired, suddenly threw up his head and began backing. I had pulled the reins over his head when I dismounted and held them in my right hand, to which fact I owed my escape from instant death. The rapid backward movement of the horse and the sudden tossing of his head threw me off my balance, and before I could recover I was falling over the cliff.

Instinctively I tightened my hold on the reins and endeavored to grasp the edge of the cliff with my left hand as I was rolling over. I did succeed in checking the shock of my fall somewhat, but could not secure a hold sufficient to sustain my weight. For a moment I hung suspended over the terrible abyss, my whole weight resting upon my right arm. Quick as a flash I grasped the reins with my left also, and there I hung, expecting death every instant, for I knew that my horse would not stand long in the position he then held. I could see him standing above me, and the beauty of his pose and the rigidity of his position, as he stood braced against the weight dangling at the end of his bridle rein, made an impression upon my memory that will never be eradicated.

I asked myself how much longer it was possible to hang by so frail a support as a bit of leather. The grip of my hands was so tight that my finger ends were tingling and burning as though touched with a hot iron.

Suddenly another shot rang out, awakening a myriad of echoes that seemed to mock me with shrill laughter. Again that backward movement of my horse, and as I felt the reins drag along the edge of the precipice I thought I must surely let go and fall. Strange thoughts began to flash through my brain, mental pictures of loved ones long since dead appeared to whisper prayers for me, there was singing in my ears, and I realized that my strength was giving out.

Just then I heard my name spoken. At first I thought it was but the voice of one of the visions my excited brain had conjured up. But no; there it sounded again. It was Lee's voice, calm, collected and inspiring. He was whispering words of caution.

Opening my eyes, I saw his face above me—what a white, scared face it was. I thought! Slowly, oh, so slowly, his hand stole down the reins until it rested upon my wrist. Then there was a quick grip of powerful fingers, an exertion of wonderful strength, and I was in safety. Lee told me afterward that I was unconscious when he stretched me out on the trail.

The first shot had been fired at a mountain lion that crouched in the trail a short distance ahead and had sent it crashing into the depths of the canyon. Hearing my cry of fear as I toppled over the brink of the cliff, he had shot his horse to clear a path to get back to where I was and had been in time to rescue me.—W. P. Coulter in San Francisco Argonaut.

Tried to Brace Up.
Wife—You've been drinking! And you told me you were going to a prayer meeting!
Husband—Y-e-s, m' dear, I was delayed at the prayer meeting, and I (hic) knew you'd make big fuss 'bout my (hic) comin' home s' late, and I—I (hic) tried to brace up for the ordeal.—New York Weekly.

A FAMOUS YACHT'S FATE.

Commodore Colt's Dauntless, Anchored, a Floating Memorial.

Full many a large and handsome yacht has lost her owner because he has tired of her, or, again, because a reduced income forced him to abandon the extravagant luxury, but here is one that, losing her master by his untimely death, has been specially provided for in her declining years. Steadfast unto the end, she was not sold off for half price to get rid of her, but, like a faithful dog or horse that has outlived its days of usefulness, has been allowed to finish out her life in quiet repose.

It is only a few years ago that the schooner yacht Dauntless was one of the very staunchest boats afloat. In a race across the Atlantic with the Coronet she did herself proud. Her commander was a commodore, and her graceful form was a familiar figure in the great yachting world. Now, with sails forever furled, with pennants hauled down for the last time and housing canvased over, she tugs at an anchor that seems destined never to rise again.

The master whom she thus serves in spirit was in life Commodore Caldwell H. Colt, the only child of the late Colonel Samuel Colt, the arms manufacturer. He died at Punta Gorda, Fla., about three years ago, while off on a cruise. This circumstance, together with his fondness for the boat, led his wealthy mother to preserve it, though no longer of use, just as others lay away in a drawer the toys of dead children. So it is that the yacht idles her life away, a silent memorial. In further remembrance of the dead man's yachting career the new Colt memorial house in Hartford, costing several hundred thousand dollars, bears on its facade a beautiful reproduction of the Dauntless in sculptured stone and many other suggestions of the sea.

Anchored off Essex, a few miles up from the mouth of the Connecticut river, the good old yacht is now living out her life of ease. It is said that she will never again go into commission—certainly not so long as the mother lives. The spot is quiet, secluded and all that a retired favorite could ask for in her old age, and the same waters that lap her side flow, 40 miles up stream, with a stone's throw of the celebrated factory whose machinery produced the wealth that purchased and maintained the boat.—Brooklyn Eagle.

QUALITY IN OUR SOCIETY.

An English Visitor Finds Classes More Distinct Than in England.

We have known Mrs. C. of Fifth avenue for some years, and during her annual visit to London have improved the acquaintance of this charming little lady. She has all the fascination of the attractive American woman. She is surprised and apparently delighted to see us, inquires how long we have been over and thinks it "too bad" that we have not been sooner to call. She is dispensing afternoon tea to a young man whom she introduces. His name is familiar as that of a family of millionaires, and as such is entitled to respect. He is quiet and reserved, bows low to each of us in turn and talks in a subdued voice through his even, white teeth. Only a tone here, an inflection there, betray the fact that he is an American. His phrases are carefully chosen and are rather superlative—curiously in contrast with the quietness and apathy of his voice and manner. I take him to be a type of the society man.

Mrs. C. is also a type. Her vivacity is contagious and her conversation unflagging. She passes lightly from one subject to another. Everything she says is worth listening to. They are both as different from ordinary middle class Americans as are the English upper classes distinct from the lower. It is a study in human nature that people speaking the same language, living in the same city, influenced by the same feelings, should be, in all things, so utterly dissimilar as those who compose society and those who do not. It is not a question of education.—E. M. Hartling in London Queen.

Bad Spelling as a Result of Disease.

People who spell very badly are not uncommon, and this defect is almost always the occasion of serious annoyance to them and embarrassment to their friends. That bad spelling is caused by a disease is a statement that will be new to many, but that such a state of things exists is proved by excellent medical authorities. In certain conditions of brain and nerves the patient almost invariably writes "ot" instead of "to." In another slightly varying form, instead of "the" the first letter is omitted, and so in many other of the shorter words. This malady usually affects the brain only in connection with words of one syllable, but cases have occurred where longer words have been so distorted that it was difficult to get their sense. It is a question whether one would be comforted by being told that bad spelling was caused by mental disease or whether he would prefer to have this lack of accuracy set down to ignorance or carelessness.—New York Ledger.

Blind, You Know.

Dick—And how did you proceed?
Fred—Why, I just went up to her and asked her if she would marry me.
Dick—Without first telling her how much you loved her and all that sort of thing?
Fred—Of course. I did not want to prejudice her judgment.
Dick—My dear boy, don't you know that when folks fall in love they don't have any judgment?—Boston Transcript.

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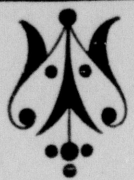
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—Levi Trostle of Franklin Grove, who lately went to California, expects to make Glendora, that state, his home for the present winter.

—The Franklin Reporter says that on Wednesday there came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wohnke, a son; the precious little mohnke.

—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Biery, of Carthage, Ill., arrive in the city this morning. They will spend the holidays with their daughters, Mrs. Dr. A. L. Miller and Mrs. L. G. Moyer.

—J. H. Showalter, of the LaMoille Gazette, was in Dixon yesterday to assist his sister, Miss Lucy E. Showalter, in reaching home. Miss Showalter came to the city two months ago for medical treatment and is slowly recovering from a severe illness.

—A petition has been presented to the Ogle county board of supervisors for the right of way of an electric light wire from Oregon to Polo through Mt. Morris, and the prospect is that soon both the latter towns will be lighted from the power plant at Oregon.

—On Monday, December 28th, at his residence three miles southwest of Harmon, Wm. Ater will have a public auction, consisting of three head of horses, one good milch cow, twenty-three head of hogs, farm machinery, corn fodder, etc. C. G. Uhl, auctioneer.

—According to Rev. Irl R. Hicks' forecast the weather for this month, from now to the end of the month is liable to be unusually severe. He notes a combination of disturbing causes likely to produce storms and blizzards and give us a taste of genuine winter.

—Last Saturday or Sunday night tramps broke a window light in the Cook school house in Nelson township, entered and spent the night there. They built a fire in the stove, lit the lamp and stole some change from a desk that belonged to Miss Bertha Myers, the teacher.

—Miss Elizabeth Barge, yesterday, in honor of Mrs. John Barge of Chicago, gave a very pleasing card party. The game played was six-handed sixty-three and there were four tables. The victors in the game were: Mesdames W. B. Steel and Louis Dixon, and Miss Lenore Rosbrook.

—A husband yesterday requested us to have nothing more to say about that First Ward ghost, as it was made the means of keeping him home evenings; his wife refusing to stay alone while that canny spirit was near. His request has given us the opinion that a ghost factory would be a good thing in the community. It would be better than a curfew bell.

—The time is come when our merchants are having the usual cold weather trouble from the frosting of their display windows. An exchange says this may be prevented by painting the glass with a solution of glycerine in sixty-three per cent. of spirits of wine. Glycerine, like chloride of lime, has the property of absorbing water and this action overcomes the difficulty.

—The W. C. T. U. of Sterling is discussing plans for the prosecution of a vigorous war on the cigarette. The extent of the use of the cigarette among very young boys is scarcely realized, or its injurious effects on the body, mind or morals of our youth. For a time the law prohibiting the sale of cigarettes to children was pretty rigidly enforced here; but we have noticed of late that it is either disregarded by some dealers or some persons are acting as go-betweens, for very many young boys on our less frequented streets are using the poisonous things.

—Never before in the history of Dixon have its merchants made such bids for the patronage of the city and surrounding country, or offered such genuine inducements to the purchasers of seasonable goods of all kinds. Dixon merchants are certainly wide awake this year, and if the patronage of the public is as liberal as are the price and quality of the goods offered in the numerous advertisements in THE TELEGRAPH and handbills scattered through the county, all parties should be benefitted. Whatever excuse may have been made in the past, there is certainly now no need of sending money out of the county for bargains in any description of merchandise.

—Mrs. John Kilker, a pretty and attractive young lady who but two months ago was married to a well-to-do farmer residing near Baileyville, Stephenson county, says the Freeport Journal, died suddenly Thursday afternoon in her buggy. The lady left home at about noon to visit her mother, Mrs. Wm. Smith, who resides near Cedarville. She passed through Freeport on her way and when in the vicinity of the Hartman oil works she had an attack of heart disease and expired before anybody could render assistance. Several citizens happened to be along the road at the time and when the lines fell from the dead woman's grasp, they stopped the horse and carried the dead body into the residence of Mr. Kenyon close by.

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